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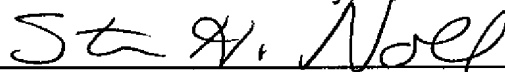
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Applicant herewith submits five sheets (Figs. 1-12) of formal drawings for the above-referenced application. Although the Notice of Allowability did not include a requirement to submit corrected drawings, the drawings as originally filed, and the additional drawings submitted during prosecution, included handwritten legends and handwritten sketching, and were clearly informal. The enclosed drawings conform in all respects to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

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